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APPOINTMENTS:

One Up—Two to Go

Even before President Kennedy took office last January, he had his talent scouts out looking and decided early that a place could be found for New York City lawyer Fowler Hamilton. A bulky (195 pounds) 6-foot Missourian who graduated from the University of Missouri and was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford (1931-1934), Hamilton at first was ticketed for director of the Central Intelligence Agency (NEWSWEEK, Aug. 7).

But last week the President tapped Hamilton for director of the Agency for International Development. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee quickly agreed (unanimously) that Hamilton was the man to supervise the dispersal of about $4 billion a year in foreign aid, and he was then confirmed.

It was a happy solution to a difficult problem for the President. Only two weeks ago, he was set on George Woods, board chairman of the First Boston Corp., as his choice. But the role of First Boston in the Dixon-Yates power contract—and Senatorial opposition to him because of that—effectively eliminated Woods.

In this quandary, Mr. Kennedy turned to Hamilton, a Democrat and a partner in the international law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, and Hamilton.

Hamilton, 50 and the father of three children, got his first hint that something new was up last week when the President's brother, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, called his Greenwich, Conn., home and said: Come to Washington—now. There was no explanation.

The Static: Hamilton, of course, had heard what Washington now calls "the static" about his being considered for CIA boss, but he had no idea what job he was to be offered until he saw Bobby at the Justice Department and, later, the President at the White House.

That took care of AID and Hamilton, but the Administration still had two key posts to consider—a successor to CIA chief Allen Dulles and a job for Henry E. Labouisse, who directed the AID's predecessor, the International Cooperation Administration.

As to the CIA, the chief names being bandied about were those of career diplomat Livingston Merchant, now U.S. Ambassador to Canada; CIA inspector general Lyman Kirkpatrick, and Red Cross chief (and Dwight D. Eisenhower's friend) Gen. Alfred Gruenther.

Labouisse, for his part, was heading across country on a motor trip with his wife and saying nothing. He had already spurned several embassies, including Argentina, and might well decide to accept one of a number of offers from private business.

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